Setting- up of a Federal Environmental Protection Agency

2S48. SHRI SHANKER SINH VA-GHELA: Will the Minister of EN. VIRONMENT AND FORESTS bo pleased to state;

(a> whether there is any unified environmental agency to cover the entire country with effective authority, powers and infrastructure; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) if not, whether Government propose to set up a Federal Environ-mental Protection Agency; and

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI); (a) to (c) The Government has decided to set up an En. vironment Protection Authority. The Authority will assist the Government in formulation of policy and will implement Government's policy in all matters concerning environment. It will utilise th_e existing infrastructure wherever possible and will fill "he gaps where necessarv.

Reported training of G.N.L.F. activists in Nepal

2849. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM;
SHRI K. MOHANAN: SHRI NIRMAL CHATTER-JEE**:** SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY;
SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOS-WAMI: SHRI NEPALDEV BHAT-TACHARJEK;

Will the Minister of HOME AF-FAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's atten-tion has been drawn to the news-item which appeared i_n The Hindustan Times dated the 15th December, 1987 to the effect that G.N.L.F. rebels are being trained in Nepal; and

(b) if go, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER, OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDA MBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government have no definite evidence in this regard.

Reorganisation of districts in States

2850. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPA-TEA; Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased t_0 state:

(a) whether Government propose to initiate steps for reorganisation of districts in different **State$_s$** for smooth administration;

(b) if so, whether Government would provide necessary financial as sistance to the $State_s$ for taking up reorganisation; and

(c) whether any instruction has bee_n issued t_0 th_e State Govern ments for the reorganisation of the districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) Reorganisation of districts is $_a$ State subject and decision^- in this regard are taken by the con-jcerned Stat* Governments. However, for the upgradation of standards of district and revenue administration in the States. $unde_r$ the award of Eighth Finance Commission, financial assistance t_Q the states is provided.